VIOLENT CRIMES

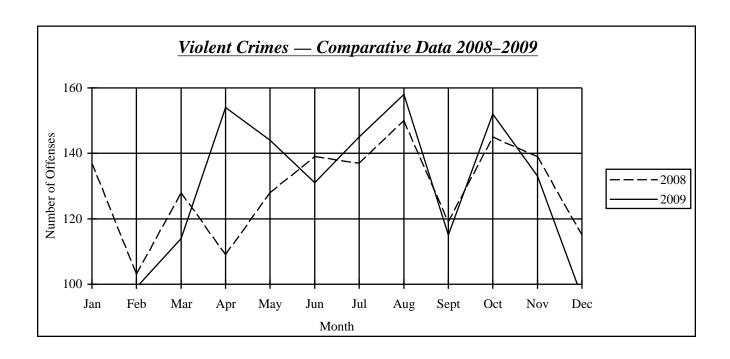
Crimes of violence involve the element of personal confrontation between the perpetrator and victim and entail the use or threat of violence. By their very nature, violent crimes — murder, rape, robbery and aggravated assault — are considered more serious than property crimes. The total number indicates only the number of incidents reported to police and does not reflect the number of criminals who committed them or the number of injuries inflicted.

During the year 2009, violent crimes showed a decrease from the previous year. There were 1,540 reported offenses during 2009 — compared with 1,549 for 2008. This decrease of 9 crimes reported represents a decrease of 0.6%.

The 2009 crime rate for violent crime is 1.17 offenses per 1,000 population. Violent crimes represent 4.6% of all reported index crimes. Police cleared 832 violent crimes for a 54.0 clearance rate.



Number of Offenses — Comparative Data 2008–2009					
	Murder	Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Totals
2008	31	373	332	813	1,549
2009	26	374	398	742	1,540
Number Change	-5	1	66	-71	_9
Percent Change	-16.1%	0.3%	19.9%	-8.7%	-0.6%



Violent Crime by County

(State Violent Crime Rate: 1.17)

